

## Student Blogging Guidelines

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As a student blogger, you are expected to follow these blogging guidelines below. Use the questions in *italics* to help you decide what is appropriate to post on your blog.

- 1. Only post things that you would want everyone (in school, at home, in other countries) to know.** *Ask yourself: Is this something I want everyone to see?*
- 2. Do not share personal information.** *Ask yourself: Could someone find me (in real life) based on this information?*
- 3. Think before you post.** *Ask yourself: What could be the consequences of this post?*
- 4. Know who you're communicating with.** *Ask yourself: Who is going to look at this, and how are they going to interpret my words?*
- 5. Consider your audience and that you're representing ISB.** *Ask yourself: Do I have a good reason/purpose to do this?*
- 6. Know how to give constructive feedback.** *Ask yourself: What will I cause by writing this post?*
- 7. Treat other people the way you want to be treated.** *Ask yourself: Would I want someone to say this to me?*
- 8. Use appropriate language and proper grammar and spelling.** *Ask yourself: Would I want this post to be graded for proper grammar and spelling?*
- 9. Only post information that you can verify is true (no gossiping).** *Ask yourself: Is this inappropriate, immature or bullying?*
- 10. Anytime you use media from another source, be sure to properly cite the creator of the original work.** *Ask yourself: Who is the original creator of this work?*

**Commenting Guidelines** As a blogger, you will be commenting on other people's work regularly. Good comments:  
are constructive, but not hurtful;  
consider the author and the purpose of the post;  
are always related to the content of the post;  
include personal connections to what the author wrote;  
answer a question, or add meaningful information to the content topic;  
follow the writing process. Comments are a published piece of writing.